

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2724 - SB 2795

February 24, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Children's Services to provide post-custody services to a child 18 years of age or older who requests such services.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

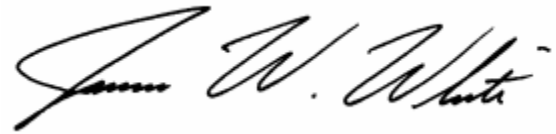
Increase State Expenditures - \$9,109,700

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Children's Services (DCS), there are approximately 800 youths between the ages of 18 and 21 who qualify for federally funded post-custody services, of this amount approximately 400, or 50 percent, choose to receive available post custody services.
- DCS estimates that there are 400 youths between the ages of 18 and 21 who do not qualify for post custody services.
- The provisions of this bill will require the Department to provide post custody services to any of the 400 non-qualifying youths who request them. The services provided to these individuals will be state funded.
- Applying the percentage of qualifying youths who request the services to the non-qualifying youths, it is estimated that there will be approximately 200 ($400 \times .50$) additional youths who will receive post custody services.
- On average, the additional post-custody services will result in 365 days of state custody. For each additional day there will be an approximate increase of \$108 in expenditures per child. Such will increase state expenditures by \$7,884,000 ($200 \text{ cases} \times 365 \text{ days} \times \108 per day).
- The Department of Children's Services will need 17 additional case managers and four additional team leaders which are estimated to increase state expenditures by \$1,225,720 which includes \$994,720 for salary and benefits and \$231,000 for communication, computer, travel and other expenses.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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